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FARMERVILLE MEN ARRESTED IN DRUG TRAFFICKING CASE

Indictment also seeks forfeiture of over \$10,000 in cash

Shreveport, Louisiana . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that an investigation into the distribution of cocaine in the Farmerville, Louisiana area has resulted in the federal indictment of six defendants. The indictment charges the defendants with conspiracy and drug trafficking. The indictment also seeks the criminal forfeiture of U.S. Currency which was seized, as well as any property used to facilitate the offense.

All of the defendants are in custody at this time and are scheduled to make their initial appearance in United States District Court on November 7, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. A complete list of the defendants and charges is attached.

This indictment is the result of an Organized Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation code named: "Operation: Kane Break," and involved a cooperative effort of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. This investigation was conducted by the FBI North Louisiana Gang Task Force in Monroe into the activities of individuals involved in trafficking cocaine throughout northeast Louisiana and in Arkansas.

OCDETF is the nation's primary tool for disrupting and dismantling major drug trafficking organizations. OCDETF leaders develop national and regional level drug trafficking targets, and coordinate the necessary law enforcement entities and resources to disrupt or dismantle the targeted criminal organization and seize their assets.

An indictment is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

If convicted, each defendant faces 10 years to life in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

This case was investigated by the FBI North Louisiana Gang Task Force, which includes the FBI, West Monroe Police Department, and the Union, Morehouse, Madison, Tensas, East Carroll and Jackson Parish Sheriff's Offices, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James G. Cowles, Jr.

(SEE LISTING OF DEFENDANTS ATTACHED HERETO)

DEFENDANT	AGE & HOMETOWN	CHARGES
1) BRYSON HOWARD	25 years of age Farmerville, LA	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine; distribution of crack cocaine
2) KERRY McNEAL	53 years of age Spearsville, LA	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine; distribution of crack cocaine
3) STEVE A. GOLDSBY	53 years of age Farmerville, LA	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine; distribution of crack cocaine; forfeiture
4) ROBERT BILBERRY	42 years of age Farmerville, LA	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine; distribution of crack cocaine
5) PRENTICE WALLACE	45 years of age Farmerville, LA	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine; distribution of crack cocaine
6) MARCUS T. MINNIEWEATHER	31 years of age Farmerville, LA	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine; distribution of crack cocaine

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